

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, applicant appreciates the courtesy extended to Patrick G. Burns in a personal interview July 30, 2003. The rejections of claims 6-8, 10 and 13 were discussed, as were the cited references. No agreement was reached, but the examiner's suggestions for claim amendments have now been adopted. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 6-8 now recite a threaded shaft, a feature not found or suggested in Silver et al.

Claim 10 has been amended to recite a hollow boss which increases the area for breast extension during milk expression, among other things. This feature is not found or suggested in Whittlestone et al.

Claim 13 has been amended to more clearly define the press fit connection of the liner to the housing, a feature also not found in the Whittlestone et al. reference. Applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if another interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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